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NOTED AUTHOR OF TERCENTENARY BOOK WILL ADDRESS SOCIETY ON DRAMA OF N. J. PROPRIETORSHIP HISTORY

Dr. Henry H. Bisbee, the featured speaker at our May meeting, is well known to New Jersey historians.

The Burlington, N. J. author has published several books on the history of his state — "The Burlington Story," "Place Names in Burlington County" and during the Tercentenary year of 1964, "The New Jersey Business," a fictionalized history of the Province of West Jersey and the dramatic conflict among its founders.

This novelette is a departure from Dr. Bisbee's non-fiction medium but the fictional dramatization of the founding of this state has gained for him many new readers.

Dr. Bisbee is a recognized authority on his home county. He is a member of the Grand Council of West Jersey Proprietors, the board of trustees of the Burlington County Tercentenary Committee.

He is also a member of the Council of Proprietors of Western Division where he has served for 10 years, the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Historical Society, the Batsto Citizens Advisory Committee, the Board of Island Managers, and Chairman of the Burlington Planning Board.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 25

TIME: 8 P. M.

**PLACE: Friends Meeting House
Annex on Lake Street.**

A native of Trenton, Dr. Bisbee is a practicing optometrist in Burlington and director of county radio station WJJZ.

The New Jersey Proprietorship and allied subjects will be the subject of this noted historian's talk. Dr. Bisbee has graciously offered to answer questions at the meeting.

OLD AND NEW ATTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR FLEA MARKET

The third annual Flea Market, a fund-raising highlight of the Woman's Committee activities, will be held this year on Saturday, June 5 from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. on the grounds of Greenfield Hall. The rain date is set for the following Saturday, June 12.

Members of the Woman's Committee under the chairmanship of Dorothy Holl and co-chairmanship of Edwinna Reyn-

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olds have been working for many weeks to make this year's event even more attractive and successful than last year's which was a great achievement for the Committee and visitors alike.

Favorite booths again will be in evidence, such as White Elephants and Jewelry; Strawberries; Books and Records; Baked Goods and Preserves. There will be a clothes line Art Show and the Chairman hopes many artists in the area will exhibit several of their smaller drawings and paintings.

An unusual Bottle and Glass Collection will be exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hitchner. The Historical Society will have an interesting and varied display. Here visitors may purchase copies of "This is Haddonfield," the book published by the Society last year which was cited by the American Association for State and Local History with a Certificate of Commendation in recognition of the Society's work in conserving its local and regional heritage.

The Society will also offer commemorative plates, ashtrays and hand-made Quaker dolls, a selection of Jamestown Pottery, hand-carved, hand-decorated water birds and a special attraction of Birth and Marriage Frakturs which are enjoying popularity again. Mr. Louis H. Goettelmann, Society president, has volunteered to do lettering for those who would like their Frakturs to be completed.

For the youngsters there will be the fun of a real Fish Pond and for auction enthusiasts there will be two auctions (by popular demand)—the first at 11 A. M. and the second at 2:30 P. M.

Between auctions, a leisurely lunch will be served on the terrace and for those who wish to browse and lunch at the same time, there will be a hot dog and Coke stand.

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NATIONAL AWARD PRESENTED TO "THIS IS HADDONFIELD"

If you were unable to attend the Society's Candlelight Dinner in February you missed one of the most significant moments in the Society's history. Our Librarian, Mrs. Ellwood E. Hess, announced a citation given to the Society by the American Association for State and Local History for the publication of the book, "This is Haddonfield," which has become a "best-seller" in the community and the state.

The entire citation reads:

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY PRESENTS A CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD, HADDONFIELD, NEW JERSEY. VOTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION IN OKLAHOMA CITY ON OCTOBER 30th, 1964.

It is interesting to note the other citations given at the time. The Society's book was one of the few books out of 33 receiving citations.

NEW ACQUISITIONS ENRICH SOCIETY LIBRARY, MUSEUM

Interesting new additions have been made recently to the Society's Library and Museum:

IN THE LIBRARY:

A MUSEUM OF EARLY AMERICAN TOOLS" by Eric Sloane, from Mr. Raymond Armstrong.

"HISTORY OF GLOUCESTER CITY, N. J. 1623-1964", published by the Gloucester City Tercentenary Committee, from Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Goettelmann.

"THE JOSEPH SMITH FAMILY AND THE JAMES DYE FAMILY" by Elmer Garfield Van Name, from the author.

"200th ANNIVERSARY OF HADDONFIELD" from Mr. Ernest Baals.

IN THE MUSEUM AND GARDEN:

From Mrs. Blanche Farrande, formerly of Haddonfield—her grandmother's wedding dress and slippers, also several old prayer books.

From Mrs. James J. Lennon—a very fine frame for the sampler, dated 1740, which was

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EARLY SETTLEMENT BY FRIENDS IN SOUTH JERSEY TOLD BY FIRST SURVEYOR IN OLD GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Editor's note: Whenever space allows from news of the Society's current activities, your Bulletin takes a backward glance to the early times of this region. Recently upon reading an old history book on New Jersey, published in 1861 by Benjamin Olds in Newark, which is rich in "a general collection of the most interesting facts, traditions, biographical sketches, anecdotes, etc. relating to its History and Antiquities, with geographical descriptions of every township in the state," we came across this charming personalized account of the settlement by the Friends in 1681 in what was then Gloucester County. The narration was written by Thomas Sharp, the first conveyancer and surveyor in the county. Since the Society frequently meets in the Friends Meeting House and many of its members are Friends, this account should be of special interest.

Let it be remembered. It having wrought upon ye minds of some Friends that dwelt in Ireland, but such as formerly came thither from England; and a pressure having laid upon them for some years which they could not gett from under the weight of untill they gave upp to leave their friends and relations there, together with a comfortable subsistence, to transport themselves and famelys into this wilderness part of America, and thereby expose themselves to difficulties, which, if they could have been easy where they were, in all probability might never have been met with; and in order thereunto, sent from Dublin in Ireland, to one Thomas Lurtin, a friend in London, commander of a pink, who accordingly came, and made an agreement with him to transport them and their famelys into New Jersey, viz.: Mark Newby and famely, Thomas Thackara and famely, William Bate and famely, George Goldsmith an old man, and Thomas Sharp a young man, but no famelys; and whilst the ship abode in Dublin harbor providing for the Voyage, said Thomas Lurtin was taken so ill that he could not

perform ye same, so that his mate, John Dagger, undertook it. And upon the 19th day of September, in the year of our Lord, 1681, we sett saile from the place aforesaid, and through the good providence of God towards us, we arrived at Elsinburg, in the county of Salem, upon the 19th day of November following, where we were well entertained at the houses of the Thomsons, who came from Ireland about four years before, who, by their industry, were arrived to a very good degree of living, and from thence we went to Salem, where were several house yt were vacant of persons who had left the town to settle in ye country, which served to accommodate them for ye winter, and having thus settled down their famelys and the winter proving moderate, we at Wickacoa, among us, purchased a boate of the Swansons, and so went to Burlington to the commissioners, of whome we obtained a warrant of ye surveyor-general, which then was Daniel Leeds; and after some considerable search to and fro in that then was called the third or Irish tenth, we at last pitched upon the place now called Newton, which was before the settlement of Philadelphia; and then applied to s'd surveyor, who came and laid it out for us; and the next spring, being the beginning of the year 1682, we all removed from Salem together with Robert Zane, that had been settled there, who came along from Ireland with the Thomsons before hinted, and having expectation of our coming only bought a lott in Salem town, upon the which he seated himself untill our coming, whose proprietary right and ours being of the same nature, could not then take it up in Fenwick's tenth, and so began our settlement; and although we were at times pretty hard bestead,

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having all our provisions as far as Salem to fetch by water, yett, through the mercy and kindness of God, we were preserved in health and from any extreame difficulties. And immediately there was a meeting sett upp and kept at the house of Mark Newby, and, in a short time, it grew and increased, unto which William Cooper and famely, that lived at the Poynte resorted, and sometimes the meeting was kept at his house, who had been settled some time before.

Zeall and fervency of spirit was what in some degree, at that time abounded among Friends, in commemoration of our prosperous success and eminent preservation, both in our coming over the great deep, as allso that whereas we were but few at that time, and the Indians many, whereby itt putt a dread upon our spirits, considering they were a salvage people; but ye Lord, that hath the hearts of all in his hands, turned them so as to be serviceable to us, and very loving and kinde: which cannot be otherwise accounted but to be the Lord's doings in our favor, which we had cause to praise his name for. And that the rising generation may consider that the settlement of this country was directed by an impulse upon the spiritts of God's people, not so much for their ease and tranquillity, but rather for the posterity yt should be after, and that the wilderness being planted with a good seed, might grow and increase to the satisfac-

tion of the good husbandman. But instead thereof, if for wheat it should bring forth taxes, the end of the good husbandman will be frustrate, and they themselves will suffer loss. This narration I have thought good and requisite to leave behind, as having had knowledge of things from the beginning."

FLEA MARKET

The word among the workers on the Flea Market is "We are planning something exciting for everyone . . . come for an hour or all day . . . you'll meet your friends and neighbors and come away with treasures, bargains and the memory of a wonderful time."

ACQUISITIONS

found in the Costume Department at Greenfield Hall by two of the high school girls who work in the Museum. (The colors of the embroidery are still very bright).

From Mrs. Robert M. Tatem—a boy's dress and cap in a black and red check, worn by her grandfather, Mr. Henry Pennypacker and on view in the Children's Room.

From the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Lee P. Hynes—a group of fine English Boxwoods to replace some damaged by the drought last summer.

From Mrs. Paul C. Smith of Cherry Hill—a dozen plastic cups and plate stands useful in setting up displays.

Please send all items for the
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